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In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1746

Application No.: 09/779,696

Examiner: Bruce F. Bell

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Title: Electrode structure, battery and electrical double-layer capacitor and method of manufacturing same

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Assistant Commissioner:

In the Office Action mailed 05/21/2004 the Examiner stated that Applicant had set forth claims that contained five patentably distinct species:

- I. Claims 1-21, 31-34 and 39-43 drawn to a method of manufacturing an electrode with radiation, classified in class 427, subclass 372.2.
- II. Claims 22-25, drawn to a battery, classified in class 429, subclass 231.9.
- III. Claims 26-30, drawn to a double layer capacitor, classified in class 361, subclass 502.
- IV. Claims 35-36, 44 and 45, drawn to a method of manufacturing a capacitor, classified in class 438, subclass 239.
- V. Claims 37 and 38, drawn to a method of manufacturing an electrode without radiation, classified in class 29, subclass 623.1.

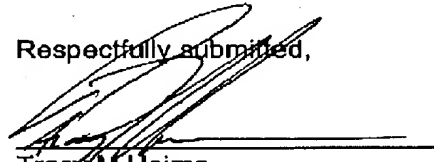
In response to the written restriction requirement of 05/21/2004, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-21, 31-34 and 39-43 drawn to a method of manufacturing an electrode with radiation, classified in class 427, subclass 372.2, in an effort to advance prosecution in the present application.

The Examiner included Claims 33-34 in Group I. Applicant believes that these claims actually belong to Group II.

Applicant believes that this communication is intended to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. No new matter has been added.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper and or this application to Apex Juris Deposit Account No. 50-2069. Should Examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claimed language would expedite prosecution they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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